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Dear Ms Wilson

Felicity

Thank you for your correspondence setting out the Legislation Review Committee's views on the *Strata Schemes Management Amendment (COVID-19) Regulation (No 2) 2020* (the **Regulation**).

I am pleased to note that the Regulation has allowed strata schemes to respond promptly and safely to the COVID-19 pandemic in allowing altered meeting arrangements for convening and voting at meetings, an alternative approach to affixing the seal of an owners corporation, and an extension of certain time periods. I welcome the Committee's view that this has been a reasonable measure in light of the ongoing risk of COVID-19 to the community.

The Department of Customer Service is currently undertaking a statutory review of the operation of the *Strata Schemes Management Act 2015* (the **Act**). The discussion paper for the review has sought feedback on the operation of these temporary measures, with a view to finding permanent solutions to the issues addressed by the Regulation. The Government's intention would be to amend the Act to better enable strata schemes to access alternative means of meeting, voting, and executing documents.

Thank you for bringing these matters to my attention and for the Committee's ongoing work in reviewing legislation in NSW.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Anderson MP
Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation

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